

REMARKS

In accordance with the forgoing, claims 1, 4, 9-11, 14, 33, 36-39 have been amended and claims 8, 35, 42 and 43 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1-7, 9-34, and 36-41 are pending and under consideration.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7-32 and 35-41 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 8, claim 8 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and claims 9 and 10 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Claims 11 and 14 have been rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of base claim 1. Independent claim 33 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 35, claim 35 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and claims 36-39 have been amended to depend from claim 33. Finally, claims 42 and 43 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Accordingly, an allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

VI. Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

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Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to those matters.

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